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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PSYCHOLOGICAL STRATEGY BOARD

SUBJECT: Korean Contingency Plan (PSB J-19-d)

1. In accordance with the expressed wishes of the Board that PSB plans be reviewed periodically, a thorough review of PSB J-19-d, "Break-Off of Korean Armistice Negotiations," has been completed.

2. PSB J-19-d provides alternative programs of psychological measures to meet various contingencies, including (I) successful termination of the armistice negotiations, (II) their breakdown, and (III) their inconclusive adjournment.

3. The following conclusions and recommendation have been discussed with and concurred in by appropriate representatives of the Department of State, the Department of Defense, and the Central Intelligence Agency:

CONCLUSIONS

4. While certain sections of the 18-month-old plan are no longer applicable, the plan as a whole is still adequate, and no revision of it should be recommended at this time. When the new Korean policy now under consideration by the NSC is completed, the question of whether an over-all revision of the plan is advisable should be reconsidered.

5. Operational or supporting plans and guidances have now been prepared and coordinated. These implementation plans have been reviewed and are considered adequate to meet present policy requirements. Implementation has, in fact, already begun, but in order to coordinate the full application of all operational plans, a formal notification that Contingency III is now in effect is desirable.

RECOMMENDATION

6. It is recommended that Contingency III of PSB J-19-d:

> "negotiations fade out or adjourn without a clear
> break and with possibility existing for a renewal
> at any time,"

be herewith declared now in effect. The supporting and operational plans prepared for application in this contingency should, therefore, be implemented with maximum emphasis immediately.

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NSC review(s) completed.

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